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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	09/692,498	PAPERNY ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Cao (Kevin) Nguyen	2173	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/20/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-17,19-23,25-74 and 77-98.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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/Cao (Kevin) Nguyen/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2173

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## DETAILED ACTION

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Martin Miller on 3/12/09.

***Claim 1. (Currently Amended)*** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step in a layer, the layer containing the object is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device that is positioned based on a behavior of a user viewing the window.

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**Claim 17. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating an overlay plane using at least one layer including the object as a function of the receiving step, wherein the layer is created using a layering functionality of the software application and is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the layer in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 20. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being included in at least one of the definition of the window and a content for the window;

creating an overlay plane using at least one layer including a reference to the object as a function of the receiving step, wherein the layer is created using a layering functionality of the software application and the layer defined based on the window definition is hidden from a user; and displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the layer in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 23. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being included in at least one of the definition of the window and a content for the window;

creating an overlay plane using at least one layer including the object as a function of the receiving step, wherein the layer is created using a layering functionality of the software application and the layer, defined based on the window definition, is hidden from a user;

after creating the overlay plane, overlaying the hidden layer over content being displayed in the window and hiding the hidden layer from a user for a specified time period; and

at the end of the specified time period, displaying the object hidden in the layer over the content in the window, wherein the object is viewable by the user and displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 31. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step, the object is contained in a layer defined by a definition of the window; and

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displaying the object in response to the request by overlaying, by the plugin-control, the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 47. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane using at least one layer including the object as a function of the receiving step, wherein the layer is created using a layering

functionality of the software application and is defined by a definition of the window; and

displaying the object in response to the request by overlaying, by the plugin-control, the layer in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 52. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step; defining a layer using the software application provided functionality, wherein a

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layer definition is included in a definition of the window and the layer is based on the window definition; placing the created overlay plane in the defined layer; and overlaying, by the plugin-control, the created overlay plane in the window.

**Claim 62. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step;

defining a layer using the software application provided functionality, wherein the layer definition is included in the definition of the window, the layer is hidden from the user, the layer is defined on the window definition, and the layer includes a reference to the object;

placing the created overlay plane in the defined layer; and

overlaying, by the plugin-control, the created overlay plane in the window.

**Claim 66. (Currently Amended)** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step;

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defining a layer using the software application provided functionality, wherein a layer definition is included in a definition of the window, the layer is hidden from the user, the layer is defined on the window definition, and the layer includes the object;

placing the created overlay plane in the defined layer; and

overlaying, by the plugin-control, the created overlay plane in the window.

**Claim 77. (Currently Amended)** A system for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising:

a program memory;

a storage device; and

a processor, wherein the processor is adapted to:

(i) receive a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

(ii) create an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step, the object contained in a layer that is defined based on a definition of the window; and

(iii) display the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

**Claim 83. (Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium storing a set of instructions, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a processor to implement a method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, the method comprising the steps of:

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receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step, the object contained in a layer that is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

***Claim 84. (Currently Amended)*** A computer-readable medium storing a set of instructions, the set of instructions capable of being executed by a processor to implement a method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, by a plugin-control, a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating, by the plugin-control, an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step, the object contained in a layer that is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object in response to the request by overlaying, by the plugin-control, the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device.

***Claim 85. (Currently Amended)*** A method for initiating the overlaying of an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

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clicking by a user an element of the window;

creating a layer as a function of the clicking step, wherein the layer includes the object  
and is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object by overlaying the created layer in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device and wherein the layer is directly composited in the window without using a layering feature of the software application.

***Claim 93. (Currently Amended)*** A method for overlaying an object in a window of a software application, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for the object to be displayed in the window, the request being initiated by a behavior of a user viewing the window;

creating an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step, the object contained in a layer that is defined based on a definition of the window; and

displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device and wherein the overlay plane is directly composited in the window without using a layering feature of the software application.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-17, 19-23, 25-74 and 77-98 are allowable over the prior art of record.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art either singularly or in combination. They are creating an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step in a layer, the layer containing the object is defined based on a definition of the window; and displaying the object, in response to the request, by overlaying the created overlay plane in the window, wherein the object is displayed in a predetermined location relative to the window that is independent of a location of a pointing device that is positioned based on a behavior of a user viewing the window.

These features are not found or suggested in the prior art.

The closest prior arts, Gough and Gever disclose a conventional of creating an overlay plane including the object as a function of the receiving step; either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underline limitation obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dennis Chow can be reached on (571)272-7767. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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